

AGENDA



Recommendation for Council Action (Purchasing)

Austin City Council	Item ID:	8503	Agenda Number	60.
Meeting Date:	August 18, 2011			
Department:	Purchasing			
Subject				
<p>Authorize award and execution of a 12-month requirements supply contract with TEXAS ELECTRIC COOPERATIVES, Georgetown, TX, for the purchase of relays for switchgear and control panels for Austin Energy in an estimated amount not to exceed \$200,000, with four 12-month extension options in an estimated amount not to exceed \$200,000 per extension option, for a total estimated contract amount not to exceed \$1,000,000.</p>				
Amount and Source of Funding				
<p>Funding in the amount of \$16,667 is available in the Fiscal Year 2010-2011 Operating Budget of Austin Energy. Funding for the remaining 11 months of the original contract period and extension options is contingent upon available funding in future budgets.</p>				
Fiscal Note				
<p>There is no unanticipated fiscal impact. A fiscal note is not required.</p>				
Purchasing Language:	Lowest bid meeting specifications of four bids received.			
Prior Council Action:	█			
For More Information:	Gage Loots, Buyer II /512-322-6118			
Boards and Commission Action:	Recommended by the Electric Utility Commission.			
MBE / WBE:	This contract will be awarded in compliance with Chapter 2-D of the City Code (Minority-Owned and Women-Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program). No subcontracting opportunities were identified; therefore, no goals were established for this solicitation.			
Related Items:	█			

Additional Backup Information

This contract will provide Austin Energy (AE) with replacement relays and associated parts to be purchased on an as-needed basis. The relays will be installed on control panels and switchgear to protect high voltage transmission lines, substation equipment and the distribution system. Also included in this contract are communication processors, protection logic processors, and fiber optic transceivers, all of which are required to link substation intelligent electronic devices into a single configurable contact point for AE's Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition (SCADA) system, local human machine interfaces, dial-in access, and dial-out notification. The communication processors are connected to the relays and protection processors via fiber optic cable which allows for system protection, automation, communication, monitoring and control of AE's substations. All of these items are part of an upgrade to a new standard of using microprocessor relays allowing for a more complex and thorough analysis of voltages and currents for safe detection of, and protection from, faults in the electric power system.

MBE/WBE solicited: 0/1

MBE/WBE bid: 0/0

BID TABULATION

IFB No. TVN0052REBID2

Relays for Switchgear and Relay Panels
(52 – line items)

<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Total Bid Amount □ 12 months*</u>
Texas Electric Cooperatives Georgetown, TX	\$335,328.00
Turtle & Hughes, Inc. Houston, TX	\$366,041.00
Apfelbaum Industrial, Inc. El Paso, TX	\$397,628.50
Schweitzer Engineering Laboratories, Inc. Pullman, WA	**

*This contract will be awarded in an annual estimated not-to-exceed amount of \$200,000 as stated in the solicitation.

**Non-responsive, bid did not meet all solicitation requirements.

A complete bid tabulation is on file in the Purchasing Office and is on the City of Austin, FASD Purchasing Office website.

PRICE ANALYSIS

- Adequate competition.
- Seventy seven notices were sent, including one WBE. There are no known MBEs available for this commodity code. Four bids were received, with no response from the WBE.
- The pricing offered represents a 3% increase to the last contract award in February 2005.

APPROVAL JUSTIFICATION

- a. Lowest responsive bid received. Texas Electric Cooperatives is not the current provider of these goods.
- b. The Purchasing Office concurs with Austin Energy's recommended award.
- c. Advertised on the Internet.